capacity urea units and will result in reduction of outgo of subsidy which is estimated as Rs. 450 crore. This, however, is only an interim arrangement. Final reassessment of capacities of urea units will be carried out after receipt of Dr. Y.K. Alagh Committee's report and Government's decision thereon.

Opening of National Ayurvedic Hospital

†*93. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open National Ayurvedic Hospitals in order to promote Ayurvedic system of medicines and to arouse more trust of people therein;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of places where Ayurvedic Hospitals are proposed to be opened first; and

(d) the amount expected to be spent on this work?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR):(a) to (d) Health is a State subject. The concerned State Governments establish hospitals for Ayurveda depending upon their *inter se* priorities and the availability of resources. Presently, 1965 Ayurvedic hospitals have been established by the State Government and 82 by the local bodies.

The Central Government establishes national level institutes and centres of excellence depending on the overall need, availablity of resources and likely benefit to the general public. A national Institute of Ayurveda has already been established at Jaipur which has a 180 bedded hospital attached to it. Other possibilities are presently at the stage of conceptualization, keeping in mind the range of priorities for developing and propagating Ayurveda.

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